

## **THE INCEPTION OF PRIVATE TAHFIZ INSTITUTION BY FAITH BASED NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION IN MALAYSIA – THE HISTORY, EVOLUTION AND CONTEMPORARY DISCOURSE**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The increment of the number of Tahfiz institutions established by Faith-Based Non-Governmental Organizations reflects the growth of public demand for alternative education pathways. Considering this trend, the role of Faith Based Non-Governmental Organization in the education sector has become increasingly significant, with their contributions offering potential alignment with the goals of the Tahfiz National Education Policy (DPTN). This paper explores the diaspora of original purpose of Non-Governmental Organization to Faith Based Non-Governmental Organization especially in education sector. Tracing its development from the pre-Independence era through the post-Independence period to the present day. The narrative presented a milestone of growth that reflected the commitment to strengthen the Islamic education landscape in Malaysia. This study applied an in-depth interview with identified key persons in the field which revealed the challenges faced by private Tahfiz institutions by Faith Based Non-Governmental Organization. The discussion covered the aspect of the academic syllabus and curriculum, teachers' quality, financial challenges and staff issues. The contemporary discourse will serve as a guideline for current and future practitioners or policy makers for decision making to improve the system in this challenging time.

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